1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd. (BRPL)	190.95	112.79	3003.74	293.13
11.	Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. (NRL)	75.53	139.42	214.95	198.48
12.	Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL)	-131.37	590.78	459.41	280.47
	TOTAL:	10,842.55	13392.12	24234.67	11,973.48

GAIL's joint venture

1267. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL has signed a joint venture deal with a Russian Firm Gas Prone;

(b) if so, the details of this deal;

(c) what are the advantages to GAIL from this deal; and

(d) the details contribution of the Russian firm?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. GAIL (India) Limited and Gazprom, Russia have signed a Strategic Cooperation Agreement (SCA) on 3rd December, 2004. As per the SCA, GAIL would jointly examine various project opportunities in India, Russia and third world countries such as joint participation in the forthcoming NELP-V round, gas pipeline projects, underground gas storage, gas distribution networks, gas processing; gas based petrochemicals, expansion of CNG use, etc.

(c) and (d) Gazprom is one of the largest gas companies in the world with rich experience in exploration, pipelines (including deep sea pipelines), gas processing, underground storage, gas hydrates, etc. Gazprom and GAIL are partners in Block 26 in the Bay of Bengal, awarded under NELP-I. The SCA will, it is hoped, benefit GAIL with Gazprom participation in the NELP-V round. It will also benefit GAIL in pursuing GAIL's globalization initiatives in countries such as Russia and the Central Asian Republics where Gazprom has a significant presence. As Gazprom has considerable experience in the entire gas value chain, this could be shared with GAIL through joint implementation of agreed projects.